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FOR AMB DENT FROM SMITH

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GATT ETRD

SUBJECT: TEXTILES - MFA RENEWAL - SCHEDULING

1. AT SPECIAL MEETING CONVENED BY PATTERSON ON JULY 21, IT WAS AGREED THAT GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL WOULD CALL FOR TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 30- DECEMBER 10. TWO ITEMS WOULD BE ON AGENDA, NAMELY AND IN SEQUENCE MAJOR REVIEW NOVEMBER 30- DECEMBER 2 AND MFA RENEWAL QUESTION DECEMBER 7-10. DECEMBER 3-6 INTERVAL WOULD BE USED FOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS AND COMMUNICATION WITH CAPITALS. PATTERSON LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY THAT MFA RENEWAL DISCUSSIONS COULD CONTINUE ON TO DECEMBER 15 OR 16 IF THERE IT LOOKED LIKE EXTENSION QUESTION COULD BE FINISHED AT THAT TIME. GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL ISSUE AIRGRAM IN NEAR FUTURE. RE TEXTILE COMMITTED SCHEDULING, EC AND JAPAN AS WELL AS WE ARE SATISFIED WITH SCENARIO AGREED UPON YESTERDAY.

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2. LDC EXPORTING COUNTRIES ARE CLEARLY RESISTING NOTION THAT MAJOR REVIEW AND RENEWAL QUESTION ARE SEPARATE MATTERS, BUT IMPORTING COUNTRIES INCLUDING JAPAN, BACKED BY PATTERSON, HAVE MADE IT PLAIN THAT TWO ISSUES ARE SEPARATE AND MUST BE HANDLED AS SUCH. WE BELIEVE THIS SEPARATION CAN BE MAINTAINED, BUT WE, JAPAN, AND EC WILL HAVE TO BE VIGILANT.

3. PATTERSON TOLD PHELAN AND SMITH, AS WELL AS SHOCKLEY SEPARATELY, THAT HE PERSONALLY DOUBTED RENEWAL WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN DECEMBER. HOWEVER, HE STATED FIRMLY THAT GATT SECRETARIA HAS NO RPT NO DESIRE TO SEE MDA QUESTION SPILL OVER INTO MTN. MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE SITUATION FOR NEXT FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, ON WHAT MODIFICATIONS ARE SOUGHT OR PUT FORWARD. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, EC PERSISTS IN A RECESSION CLAUSE, THEN LDCS ARE CERTAIN TO COUNTER WITH DEMANDS FOR GREATER LIBERALIZATION - OR VICE CERSA. IN OTHER WORDS, IF CERTAIN PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES DROP THEIR DEMANDS FOR MODIFICAIONS, THEN JUST POSSIBLY THE RENEWAL COULD BE PULLED OFF BY END OF YEAR.

4. IF RENEWAL IS NOT ACCOMPLISHED BY END OF YEAR, PHELAN AND SMITH GOT DISTINCT IMPRESSION FROM PATTERSON THAT OLIVIER LONG WILL NOT LET ISSUE LINGER MUCH BEYOND DECEMBER, I.E., HE WOULD RECONVENE TEXTILE COMMITTEE IN JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY.

5. PHELAN AND SMITH BELIEVE, DESPITE PATTERSON'S VIEWS, THAT IT WOULD BE A TACTICAL MISTAKE TO ASSUME THE MFA CAN'T BE RENEWED THIS YEAR, OR TO GO INTO THE DECEMBER SESSION WITH SUCH AN ATTITUDE. RATHER, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN OUR POSITION THAT THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE MFA SHOULDN'T BE RENEWED THIS YEAR AND THAT, ACCORDINGLY, WE SHOULD GET ON WITH THE WORK. THIS MEANS PERFORCE THAT WE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO HAMMER AWAY AT LONG AND PATTERSON NOT RPT NOT TO TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT THE MFA WON'T BE RENEWED THIS YEAR, AND THAT THE GATT SECRETARIAT HAS EVERY REASON TO SEE THIS MATTER DISPOSED OF ASAP.DALE

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